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Dear Dr. Demerec:

Thanks for letting me know about your communications with Chen. I am really relieved a little bit that he is not going to be with you because I would hate to be responsible for your getting tied up with a man who caused you any trouble. From what I have subsequently learned about the situation at Los Angeles where Chen was before he left this country, I feel that anyone who takes him on, takes a real risk. I had nothing whatever to do with the Minnesota job and, for this also, I am very glad.

You may remember I asked you about when the reprints from last year's symposium would be available and I got the impression from you that you thought they were about to be distributed to the authors. I have been holding up the distribution of my other reprints for the past year or two, hoping that these would come along in time to be included. If it wouldn't trouble you too much, I wonder whether you could build a fire under someone and get a little action.

I have been expecting to get a bill from you for the oar which disappeared under the careless supervision of my sons, but none has been forthcoming. Remember that you promised to send me a bill if the oar was not found. I should really feel much better about the whole affair if you let me take care of the costs. Can I depend upon you for it?

I am very grateful to you for having let me have accommodations during the symposium. I found the symposium very profitable indeed, and the rest of my family certainly had the time of their lives.

With very best wishes to you and Mrs. Demerec.

Cordially yours,

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